A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MARY BETH HANBERY
UPON BEING NAMED CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S "TEACHER OF THE
YEAR."

WHEREAS, longtime first grade teacher Mary Beth Hanbery was
caught by surprise when she was named the Clinton Public School
District's "Teacher of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, her 23 students listened as Cindy Hamil, coordinator
of the district's support services, announced the award and
Clinton Park Principal, Terrie Johnson, presented Hanbery with a
dozen red roses; and

WHEREAS, a committee from outside the district selected the
top teacher from among nominees representing each school. Each
nominee met with the judges and they also had to submit their
philosophy of teaching, a resume and a letter of recommendation
from their principal; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Hanbery, others nominated were Amy
Rogers, Northside; Donna Reed (Accent), Eastside; Fran Mitchell,
Lovett; Jason Woodcock, Clinton Junior High School; Stacy Poor,
Sumner Hill; Debbie Turman, Clinton High School; Bill Prisock,
Clinton High School Career Complex; and Lori Yates, Alternative
School. All will be recognized by the Clinton School Board; and

WHEREAS, Hanbery is a Nationally Board Certified Teacher.
She serves as first grade co-chairman and is a mentor for student
teachers; her warm and cooperative spirit draws the novice and the
seasoned teachers together for a strong team approach to educating
our students; and
WHEREAS, her nomination will be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Education, regional finalists from the state's congressional districts will be selected and a state winner named. The state winner will be entered into the "National Teacher of the Year" competition; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the professionalism and dedication of this teacher who brings honor to her school, her community and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Mary Beth Hanbery upon being named Clinton Public School District's "Teacher of the Year" for 2000-2001 and wish her success in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Beth Hanbery and her family, to Clinton Park Principal, Terrie Johnson, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.